

Remarks/Arguments

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-24, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamura (U.S. Patent No. 5,483,685) in view of Applicant's admitted prior art ("AAPA"). Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended. Claims 8, 16 and 24 have been cancelled. Support for the claim amendments can be found on page 5, lines 26-30 and page 6, lines 5-9.

It is respectfully asserted that neither Okamura nor AAPA teach or suggest the steps of:

“storing a first time interval associated with a first region and a second predetermined time interval associated with a second region;
receiving a user selection of one of said first region and said second region;
storing data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to said user selection”

and

“storing first data representing said first digit within one of said first predetermined time interval for said first region in response to said stored data corresponding to said first region and said second predetermined time interval for said second region in response to said stored data corresponding to said second region”

as recited by the currently amended claim 1.

The present invention teaches storing multiple predetermined time intervals each associated with a region. The apparatus receives a user selection of a region, and the associated predetermined time interval is used. Neither Okamura nor the AAPA teach or suggest storing multiple predetermined time intervals, nor using a specific predetermined time interval in response to a user selection.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that there is no 35 USC 112 enabling disclosure provided by Okamura or the cited AAPA, alone or in combination, which makes the present invention as claimed in previously amended claim 1 unpatentable. It is further submitted that independent claims 9 and 17 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Since dependent claims 2-7, 10-15, and 18-23 are

dependent from allowable claims 1, 9, and 17, it is submitted that they too are allowable for at least the same reasons that their respective independent claims are allowable. Thus, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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